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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of William Thomas "Bill" Ames of Barrington, who passed away on May 26, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, He was born July 4, 1925, in Plainfield, New Jersey; he grew up in Niagara Falls, New York, and was the son of Oliver B. and Linda Hill Ames; in his younger days his nickname was Dick, and he had a love for big band music and was an avid saxophone player and had a band of his own; and

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WHEREAS, He served three years in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1946; he sailed on the McCoy Reynolds DE-440 and was part of the crew's Sonar unit; along with his crew members, he helped his ship survive both a typhoon and a kamikaze strike; after graduating with a degree in industrial engineering from the University of Buffalo, he married the love of his life, Evelyn Zobel on July 26, 1952; and

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WHEREAS, He worked in Chicago after moving to Illinois, and walked to the train station every day as part of his commute; he retired from Industrial Risk Insurers in 1987 and remained active in the community; he was a mainstay at the Barrington Historical Society, acting as building and grounds chairman, and taught a safe driving course held in Cuba Township; and

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1 WHEREAS, He was a longtime member of the Barrington United
2 Methodist Church, was a choir member for over 40 years, and was
3 also chairman of the Columbarium Committee; he enjoyed home
4 improvements, the beach, skiing, traveling, spending time with
5 his family, dancing, was an avid golfer, and was one who would
6 never pass on seconds of dessert; he was also a longtime
7 precinct captain and former president of the Barrington
8 Township Republican Organization; and

9 WHEREAS, William Thomas "Bill" Ames is survived by his wife
10 of 56 years, Evelyn; his two sisters, Helen Glaze and Virginia
11 Crozier; his children, Nancy (Richard) Saxton and Judith
12 (Charles) Wooderson; his grandchildren, Jessica (Thomas)
13 Craven and Eric Saxton; and his many nieces and nephews;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
17 his family and friends, the passing of William Ames; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of William Ames as a symbol of our
21 sincere sympathy.